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SUBJECT: WILSON VISIT TO WASHINGTON: BRITISH INTEREST IN
OFFICIAL-LEVEL SIDE TALKS

1. TICKELL TOLD US JANUARY 21 THAT BRIEFS HE HAS PRE-
PARED FOR WILSON/CALLAGHAN TALKS IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK
DO NOT FORECAST VERY EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OF EITHER
MBFR OR CSCE. THE BRITISH DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC
ON THEIR MIND IN REGARD TO MBFR, AND PROPOSE TO DISCUSS
CSCE IN ONLY THE MOST GENERAL WAY. AS TO CSCE, BRITISH
TALKING POINTS STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF US SUPPORT FOR
ALLIED POSITIONS, NECESSITY FOR ALLIED UNITY AND SATIS-
FACTORY RESOLUTION OF CBM'S, PEACEFUL CHANGE FORMULA AND
FOLLOW-ON.

2. TICKELL SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED WILBURFORCE TO TAKE
SOME SOUNDINGS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER US OFFICIALS DEALING
WITH MBFR AND CSCE WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE A DE-

TAILED DISCUSSION WITH HIM (TICKELL) ON THE AFTERNOON OF
JANUARY 31 OR ANYTIME ON FEBRUARY 3. TICKELL SAID THE
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FORENGN SECRETARY WAS AGREEABLE TO HIS STAYING ON IN

WASHINGTON IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DO SO.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, TICKELL SAID HE WOULD SPECIFICALLY LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS A NUMBER OF MATTERS IN MBFR, E.G., OPTION 3 AND AIR MANPOWER. HE NOTED THAT WHILE THE BRITISH HAVE AN "OPEN MIND" ON THE US PROPOSALS ON THE INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER, THE GERMANS WITH WHOM HE DISCUSSED IT JANUARY 20 ARE VERY NEGATIVE. TICKELL COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A FAIRLY LONG TIME BEFORE ALLIED AGREEMENT COULD BE OBTAINED ON US PROPOSALS FOR INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER.

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